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In connection with the reported transfer of the former Assistant Minister of Foreign Trade of Yugoslavia, Vladimir Velebit, to Rome as the replacement for Yugoslav Minister, Maden Evekovic, the 25X1X motivation behind the choice of Velebit for the post is his past success in dealing with both the British and the United States Governments. Furthermore it is believed that Velebit is an "unprejudiced" personality who will be capable of handling the difficult problems arising from Yugoslav-Italian relations, particularly those resulting from attempts to solve the issue of the Free Territory of Trieste.

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